



## Klamath Network Featured Creature

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(*Metadatalis terribilis*)

#### FIELD NOTES:

##### General Description:

This fossorial mammal is powerfully built, allowing it to borrow through deeply stratified and impenetrable datasets. It is known to tolerate close contact with metadata with no known ill effects. In summer, this creature is typically lightly clad. In the breeding season and near large bodies of water, thongs have been reported. At the Oregon Country Faire, thongs are optional.

##### Behavior:

Prone to incredulous looks when confronted by verbose Network Coordinators, ridiculous questions, and poor data management. This peaceful, industrious creature can become quite fierce when asked to leave its office, or when hearing the phrase "What metadata?". Vocalizations are sporadic, often ambiguous, and range from sweet and melodic humming to guttural, simian grunts.

##### Feeding:

This omnivorous creature has powerful teeth and musculature, which enable it subsist on a diet of coffee, tequila, and cigarettes. Chips, cookies, and french fries are occasional diet supplements.



##### Where to see it in the Klamath Parks:

Since this furtive creature rarely leaves its office, you should consider yourself very lucky to spot an animal, or even see its tracks. However, this species has been reportedly seen hanging around watering holes throughout the Klamath Region.



*M. terribilis* at night



*M. terribilis* by day

##### Habitat:

*M. terribilis* can be found near computers, book stores, music festivals, and wood lathes. Nocturnal forays to smoky bars are widely reported.

##### Distribution:

This species can be found from the Willamette Valley of Oregon to the Klamath Region of northern California. Seasonal migrations to Alaska and the southwest deserts are not unknown.

##### Status:

*M. terribilis* is not listed as federally endangered, but confirmed reports of impending migration to southern latitudes are causing severe concerns among scientists in the Klamath Network. Bush administration scientists have reported that this southward migration of *M. terribilis* provides compelling evidence against global warming.

##### Additional Information:

For more information on this species, send an e-mail to:

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And wish him well!!